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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding): Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: Operation Y and other adventures (in Russian). Bar-code on box= 3692092358.

This is one of many old movies in Russia that are considered Public Domain legally, but released on DVDs coded for the Russian zone. This was the only DVD I ever purchased in Russia because after I found out about the problems associated with playing them, I decided not to waste my money on any more. In the US I have 2 DVD players, both in my computer, both Lite-On 16X DVD drive, model number LTD-163, running on Windows 2000 Professional. Lite-On DVDs come with a feature that allows you to change the zone on the drive 5 times - which means that I can switch to Russia's zone, play a Russian DVD, and then switch back to the US zone. But then I have lost 2 chances to change the zone, and have 3 left. After the zone is changed 5 times the DVD player is permanently configured for that zone, thus not allowing me to watch the movie I legally bought from Russia. The only way to reset it is to send it back to the manufacturer. I solved the problem by buying a second DVD Player (\$199) and configuring it for Russia's zone. This causes extra unjustified expense for people like me whose use is legitimate.